

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A sealing device ~~that tightly seals~~ for tightly sealing an annular space between two members combined with each other in such a way as to rotate relatively to each other and ~~has~~ having a seal lip sliding on a peripheral surface of one member of the two members, ~~characterized in that the seal lip comprises~~ sealing device comprising:

a sliding surface along the peripheral surface;

a slope surface ~~that slopes in such a way as~~ sloping to gradually enlarge a space with respect to the peripheral surface from an atmosphere side end edge of the sliding surface;

first screw projections formed ~~from on~~ on the slope surface and the sliding surface, the first screw projections extending from the slope surface to a middle of the sliding surface; and

second screw projections formed on the sliding surface, ~~wherein~~

an end on a sliding surface side of the first screw ~~projection is~~ projections being formed in a shape cut out along the sliding surface, and a portion on a slope surface side of the first screw ~~projection has~~ projections having an equal width

portion formed in a shape in which a height increases toward an atmosphere side with a width kept at a nearly equal width, the equal width portion of the first screw projections having a cross section of a nearly pentagonal shape formed of parallel extending side walls terminating at a triangular shaped apex.

2. (Cancelled)